

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2337 - SB 2288

March 21, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands the Relative Caregiver Program that provides financial assistance and services to relatives caring for children to divert placement in state custody. The expansion will include Knox, Hamilton, Rutherford, and Sullivan counties. The program termination date is extended until June 30, 2008. The total program expenditures will be capped not to exceed \$5,000,000 subject to availability of funds. Currently, funding is capped at \$2,000,000. The three existing relative caregiver programs are in Davidson County, Shelby County, and the 14 counties in the Upper Cumberland region and are funded for a total of \$1,500,000.

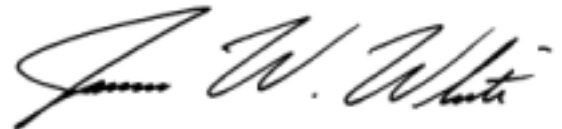
ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$937,500

Estimate is based upon the same percentage of foster care cases in counties added to the program as have participated in the original counties. It is assumed that there are not currently any TANF or other federal funds available for this program expansion.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director